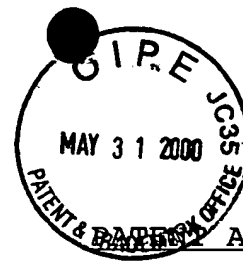


35.G2550



APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
: Examiner: Unknown  
SATORU WAKAO, et al. )  
: Group Art Unit: Unknown  
Appln. No.: 09/521,424 )  
:  
Filed: March 8, 2000 )  
:  
For: IMAGE PROCESSING ) May 31, 2000  
: APPARATUS AND IMAGE )  
: PROCESSING METHOD )

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the  
above-identified application as follows.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows:

Page 11

Line 17, change "an" (second occurrence) to --a--;

Line 21, change "S12" to --S 12, 22-- (both  
occurrences); and

Line 25, change "h13" to --h 13--; and change "P11"  
to --P 11--.